<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 (Currently Amended). A video-signal recording [[&]] <u>and</u> playback apparatus for recording and playing back a video signal of ~~a television broadcast~~ <u>an audio-video</u> program, said video-signal recording [[&]] <u>and</u> playback apparatus comprising:

a detection means for detecting ~~relevant information~~ <u>program-genre information</u> related to a program being recorded; and

a modification means for automatically modifying an algorithm [[of]] <u>for</u> detecting a ~~program-representing~~ <u>program-representative</u> picture ~~in dependence of~~ <u>dependent on</u> said ~~relevant information~~ <u>detected program-genre information</u>.

2 (Canceled).

3 (Currently Amended). A video-signal recording [[&]] <u>and</u> playback method adopted in a video-signal recording [[&]] <u>and</u> playback apparatus for recording and playing back a video signal of ~~a television broadcast~~ <u>an audio-video</u> program, said video-signal recording [[&]] <u>and</u> playback method comprising [[the]] steps of:

detecting ~~relevant information~~ <u>program-genre information</u> related to a program being recorded; and

automatically modifying an algorithm [[of]] <u>for</u> detecting a ~~program-representing~~ <u>program-representative</u> picture ~~in dependence of~~ <u>dependent on</u> said ~~relevant information~~ <u>detected program-genre information</u>.

4 (Currently Amended). A recording medium for storing a computer-readable program for controlling a video-signal recording [[&]] <u>and</u> playback apparatus for recording

and playing back a video signal of ~~a television broadcast~~ an audio-video program, wherein

said program causes said recording and playback apparatus to perform steps comprising:

~~comprises the steps of:~~

detecting ~~relevant information~~ program-genre information related to a program being

recorded; and

automatically modifying an algorithm [[of]] for detecting a ~~program-representing~~

program-representative picture ~~in dependence of~~ dependent on said ~~relevant information~~

detected program-genre information.

5 (New). A video-signal recording and playback apparatus configured to record and

play back a video signal of an audio-video program, said video-signal recording and playback

apparatus comprising:

a detector unit configured to detect program-genre information related to a program

being recorded; and

a modification unit configured to automatically modifying an algorithm for detecting

a program-representative picture dependent on said detected program-genre information.

6 (New): The video-signal recording and playback apparatus of claim 1, further

comprising an evaluation means for attaching an evaluation value representing a degree of

importance to the program representative picture.

7 (New): The video-signal recording and playback method of claim 3, further

comprising a step of attaching an evaluation value representing a degree of importance to the

program representative picture.

8 (New): The recording medium for storing the computer-readable program of claim 4, wherein the program further causes the recording and playback apparatus to perform a step comprising:

attaching an evaluation value representing a degree of importance to the program representative picture.

9 (New): The video-signal recording and playback apparatus of claim 5, further comprising:

an evaluation unit configured to attach an evaluation value representing a degree of of importance to the program-representative picture.

10 (New): The video-signal recording and playback apparatus of claim 1, wherein the program-representative picture with a largest evaluation value among program-representative pictures detected for the program being recorded is displayed as representing the program being recorded.

11 (New) The video-signal recording and playback method of claim 3, wherein the program-representative picture with a largest evaluation value among program-representative pictures detected for the program being recorded is displayed as representing the program being recorded.

12 (New): The recording medium for storing the computer-readable program of claim 4, wherein

the program-representative picture with a largest evaluation value among program-representative pictures detected for the program being recorded is displayed as representing the program being recorded.

13 (New): The video-signal recording and playback apparatus of claim 5, wherein the program-representative picture with a largest evaluation value among program-representative pictures detected for the program being recorded is displayed as representing the program being recorded.